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Today has seen the our final Sharing Assembly with the children in Rowan presenting to their parents, grandparents and friends. What an amazing job they did! Not only did they speak with such clarity and confidence, some of our younger children in our school had learnt all of their lines - they absolutely blew us away! All of our Sharing Assemblies have been very different and have showcased the very best of what Whitegate is all about. We have had ceilidh dancing, gymnastic routines, ukulele and recorder playing .. to name just a few. We have shared educational visits to the Manchester Museum of Transport, Manchester Airport, Park Hall Farm, the Buddhist temple and Cadbury's World. I am always amazed how well our children present. Thank you for your attendance and for your support. We truly could not do it without you.

Public Speaking Competition

This afternoon, our Year 6 public speaking competition showcased the incredible oracy skills of our children as they delivered thought-provoking and well-balanced speeches on a range of important topics. From the urgent issue of global warming to the fight for gender equality, each speaker presented their ideas with confidence, clarity, and passion. Several speeches shed light on the harsh realities of animal cruelty, urging the audience to take action, while another explored the impact of excessive screen time, emphasising the importance of balance in our daily lives. Others focused on the significance of making wise choices, reminding us that our decisions shape not only our own futures but also the world around us. Each speech was carefully structured, presenting arguments in a fair and balanced way, demonstrating the children's ability to consider different perspectives.

Congratulations to Marcus, our first winner of the award! He delivered a particularly moving speech reflecting on his experiences of school life, highlighting how music can be a powerful tool to combat anxiety, offering comfort and emotional expression. The competition was a true celebration of persuasive speaking, critical thinking, and the power of young voices making a difference.



3-D Printing

A huge thank you to Theo and Will, who have teamed up to use their creativity and entrepreneurial skills to make a difference. Using a 3D printer, they have designed and produced a range of unique toys to sell, with all proceeds going towards The Joshua Tree charity and our school. Passionate about helping others, the boys have worked hard to create a fun, high-quality selection of toys that appeal to children across all year groups. Their initiative not only supports a great cause but also highlights their innovation and dedication to giving back to the community. So far, after taking away expenses, they have raised £108.60.

School Disco

What a great evening we had at our last school disco. There was such a lovely atmosphere and the children were really good company and were so well behaved. We raised £818 on this one occasion alone!



Holiday Dates

Huge apologies, I made a mistake with the holiday dates. We return to school on Tuesday 22nd April, not the Wednesday as previously communicated.

Calpol

If your child requires calpol or other non-prescribed medicines, please can you send a bottle into school. We do have emergency pain relief and antihistamines in school for those odd occasions, but we are finding we are having to replace it far too often. Thank you.



Easter Egg Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who came dressed in their own clothes this week and brought in an Easter Egg to donate to the mid-Cheshire foodbank. Mr Mackenzie and our Y6 School Councillors took the donations down. They were staggered to discover that the total weight of the chocolate came to 52.4 kilograms!

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent PTA AGM. I can confirm that the new committee stands as:

- o Chair: Jo Conchie-Power
- o Vice-Chair: Ben Ireson
- o Secretary: Tabitha Heathcote
- o Treasurers - Heidi Goricha & Claire Winnington
- o Executive members: Becky Johnson, Fraser Kenyon, Caroline Whitney, Mike Thomas and Louise Middleton

The first event will be a family quiz and curry night on Friday 2nd May, starting at 6:30pm. Please put this date in your dairies.

Book Fair

It's been great to host the Scholastic Book Fair in school over the last couple of weeks. Thank you so much for supporting this: not only has it been great to see so many children enthused by buying a new book, we have managed to secure £500 worth of new books for school.

Before School Computing Club

Mr Thomas has been in contact with a very popular school enrichment club called Digital Wizards who provide children with the opportunity to develop skills in fun computing activities like coding with Lego, controlling robots, making digital art and animations as well as digital games. They may have availability for a before school club in the near future. The club would begin around 7:55am in the school hall and would last for one hour. If you are interested in this opportunity for your child(ren), please let the office know. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

Trusting in God; Growing in Wisdom

It has been great to see children engaging in our reflection area over the last two weeks. Whilst reflecting on the story of Easter, they have been using natural resources to create crosses and using lego to build words reflecting the kingdom of God. These two activities sit at the bottom of our reflection tree created by the children during our Golden RE celebrations. As part of the day, the children created wise owls and hand prints to remind us that we are all held in the palm of God's hand.



Dates

Tuesday 1st April	All Day	Hawthorn's and Rowan's visit to Chester
Friday 4th April	10am	Easter Service in St Mary's
Friday 4th April	3:15pm	Finish for Easter break
Tuesday 22nd April	8:45am	School re-opens
Monday 28th April	All day	My Fertility Matters Workshop for Y5 boys
Tuesday 29th April	All day	My Fertility Matter Workshop for Y5 girls
Thursday 1st May	pm	Y4 and Y5 children at Northwich Sings
Friday 2nd May	6:30pm	PTA Family Quiz and Curry Night

Thank you for your continued support. Every blessing,

C Mackenzie